

IN THE CLAIMS

1. **(currently amended)** A portable terminal device, comprising:

a determination unit retrieving data from a telephone directory database if a call arrives at a portable terminal device, and determining whether an originating number is registered in the telephone directory database;

a calling time monitoring unit monitoring a calling time between the arrival of the call and an issuance of a calling tone; and

a transmitting unit immediately connecting the call ~~without emitting a dial~~before the issuance of the calling tone so that a charge is imposed on an originator side if the originating number is not registered in the telephone directory database, and announcing a prearranged recorded ~~nonsensical~~ message.

2. **(currently amended)** The portable terminal device according to claim 1, wherein

if the originating number is registered in the telephone directory database, the telephone directory database is further retrieved, and if the originating number is for a call set to a zero-calling time, the call is immediately connected ~~without a dial~~before the issuance of the calling tone so that ~~a the~~ charge is imposed on ~~an the~~ originator side and ~~a the~~ recorded message is announced to the originator.

3. (original) The portable terminal device according to claim 1, wherein

the zero-calling time setting is made in a recorded message response time area of the telephone directory database.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The portable terminal device according to claim 1, wherein
after the recorded message is announced to the originator, a message from the
originator is recorded.

6. – 8. (canceled)

9. **(currently amended)** A method for preventing one-time only calls to a portable
telephone set, comprising:
retrieving data from a telephone directory database if a call arrives at a portable
terminal device, and determining whether an originating number is registered in the telephone
directory database;

monitoring a calling time between the arrival of the call and an issuance of a calling
tone; and

immediately connecting the call without emitting a dial before the issuance of the
calling tone if the originating number is not registered in the telephone directory database,
and announcing a prearranged recorded ~~nonsensical~~ message.

10. **(currently amended)** The method for preventing one-time only calls to a portable
telephone set according to claim 9, wherein

if the originating number is registered in the telephone directory database, the
telephone directory database is further retrieved, and if the originating number is for a call set
to a zero-calling time, the call is immediately connected without a dial before the issuance of
the calling tone and ~~a the~~ recorded message is announced to the originator.

11. (currently amended) A computer readable medium for causing a portable

telephone set to execute a process, the process comprising:

retrieving data from a telephone directory database if a call arrives at a portable terminal device, and determining whether an originating number is registered in the telephone

directory database

monitoring a calling time between the arrival of the call and an issuance of a calling tone; and

immediately connecting the call ~~without emitting a dial~~before the issuance of the calling tone if the originating number is not registered in the telephone directory database, and announcing a prearranged recorded ~~nonsensical~~ message.

12. (currently amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 11, the process comprising:

if the originating number is registered in the telephone directory database, the telephone directory database is further retrieved, and if the originating number is for a call set to zero-calling time, the call is immediately connected ~~without a dial~~before the issuance of the calling tone and ~~a the~~ recorded message is announced to the originator.